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SUBJECT: R/V GILLISS CLEARANCE REQUEST, 5 MAY - 3 JUN 1976

1. R/V GILLISS A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE U. OF MIAMI AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE RESEARCH OFF GRENADA, MARTINIQUE AND BARBADOS DURING THE PERIOD 5 MAY - 3 JUN 1976. WORK WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF GRENADA BUT NOT WITHIN ANY AREA CLAIMED BY MARTINIQUE OR BARBADOS.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE CRUISE IS TO STUDY THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOLCANIC ASH LAYERS IN BOTTOM SEDIMENTS NEAR THE LESSER ANTILLES VOLCANIC ISLAND ARC. APPROXIMATELY 40 PISTON CORES AND THREE DREDGES WILL BE TAKEN. BATHYMETRIC AND SUB-BOTTOM PROFILING DATA WILL BE COLLECTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 1500 MILES. THE DATA WILL BE USED FOR ERUPTION MODELLING, FOR CORRELATION WITH LAND-BASED UNCLASSIFIED

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STRATIGRAPHY, AND FOR STUDIES ON THE RATE OF VOLCANISM IN

THE ARC. EQUIPMENT INCLUDES A 3.5 KHZ PROFILER, PISTON CORERS, GRAVITY CORERS AND DREDGES.

3. GILLISS' CAPTAIN IS R. HAGAN JR., WITH A CREW OF 22 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 17. SHIP IS 965 GROSS TONS,

208 FT. LONG AND 15 FT. WIDE. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WEWP AND SHIP MONITORS 500 AND 2182 KHZ.

4. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS FOR THE CRUISE ARE PROFS. H. SIGURDSSON AND N. D. WATKINS OF U. OF RHODE ISLAND AND DR. J. B. SHEPHERD OF THE U. OF WEST INDIES. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH THE HOST COUNTRY AND TWO BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS.

5. AREA OF OPERATION IS 12 DEGREES TO 16 DEGREES NORTH AND 52 DEGREES TO 62 DEGREES WEST. A SHIP'S TRACK WILL BE FORWARDED VIA AIRGRAM.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: GRENADA - REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR THE R/V GILLISS TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS AND ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF GRENADA DURING THE PERIOD 5 MAY - 3 JUN 1976. KISSINGER

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